

REMARKS

Further in response to the Official Action dated May 23, 2003, the Applicants have amended the claims to correct minor matters of form.

Please note, it appears that the "Disposition of the Claims" section of the Official Action was in error. Specifically, the Official Action indicates that claim 9 is withdrawn. However, claim 9 was canceled in the *Amendment* filed March 24, 2003. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11-13, 16, 17, 20-22, 25, 26, 29-31, 34, 35, 38-40, 43, 44, 47-49, 52, 53, 56-58, 61, 62, 65-67, 70, 71 and 74-122 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment.

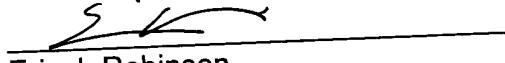
In the present *Supplemental Amendment*, dependent claims 13, 22, 31, 40, 49, 58, 67 and 76, which depend from claim 9, have been canceled. Also, independent claim 79 has been amended to better recite the features of the present invention and to be consistent with independent claims 77 and 78. Specifically, claim 79 has been amended to recite a plurality of gap holding members are provided between the pixel portion and the second substrate wherein said plurality of gap holding members are formed by etching an insulating film.

Claims 11, 12, 16, 17, 20, 21, 25, 26, 29, 30, 34, 35, 38, 39, 43, 44, 47, 48, 52, 53, 56, 57, 61, 62, 65, 66, 70, 71, 74, 75, 85-87 and 94-96 have been withdrawn from consideration. Accordingly, claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 77-84, 88-93 and 97-122 are currently elected, of which claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 77-79 and 97-100 are independent.

For the reasons set forth in detail in the *Amendment* filed September 23, 2003, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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